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Ms. Laura A. Boornazian
United States Environmental
Protection Agency
Region III
PA CERCLA Remedial Enforcement
Section (3HW12)
841 Chestnut Building, 6th Floor
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

Re: Salford Quarry Site, Quarry Road
Lower Salford Township, Pennsylvania;
Response to EPA Notice Letter

Dear Ms. Boornazian:

I am writing in response to the Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA's") letter advising American Olean Tile Company, Inc. ("American Olean") of EPA's intention to conduct a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study ("RI/FS") for the Salford Quarry, and encouraging American Olean to perform the RI/FS voluntarily. As we discussed in our telephone conversation yesterday, it is American Olean's policy to cooperate fully with EPA in National Priorities List ("NPL") Superfund matters in which American Olean is a potentially responsible party. Therefore, American Olean would be interested in negotiating with EPA concerning the voluntary performance of the RI/FS by American Olean if and when EPA decides to finalize the listing of the site on the National Priorities List.

As we also discussed by telephone, however, American Olean contends that the Salford Quarry should not be listed on the final NPL and has filed comments and consultants reports with EPA in support of this contention. These documents, courtesy copies of which are enclosed for your information, establish that there are significant errors in the Hazard Ranking System rating

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of the Salford Quarry, including the assignment of incorrect toxicity and persistence values to the boron oxide at the quarry.

Under the circumstances, American Olean requests a meeting with EPA to discuss the future treatment of this site. At this meeting, we would have an opportunity to discuss issues related to the conduct of the RI/FS, if any, and the NPL listing. American Olean would be pleased to meet with EPA as soon as EPA would like to meet with us.

We look forward to hearing from you with regard to this meeting. We assure you of our continued cooperation, and we appreciate yours.

Sincerely yours,



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Tile Company, Inc.

cc: William C. Early, Esq., EPA
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